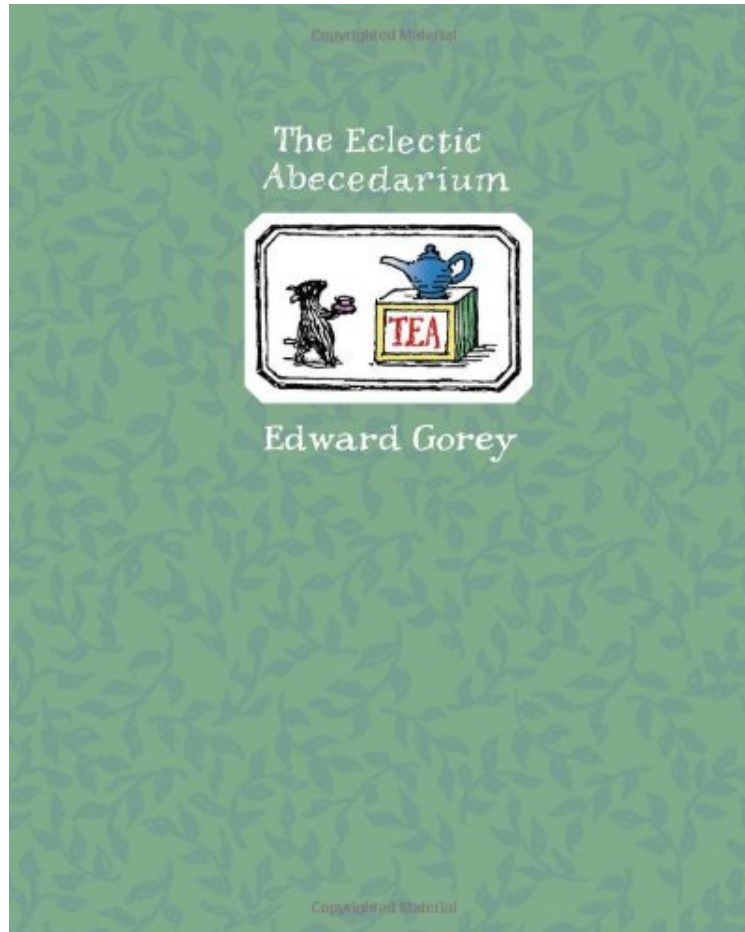


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**Edward Gorey : The Eclectic Abecedarium** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Eclectic Abecedarium:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Sadly lackingBy Strgte54I like the art work and the written story, what I don't like is the size. The font is very small, the artwork is very small. It really requires a magnifying glass to read and appreciate the artwork12 of 12 people found the following review helpful. A Better Abecedarium?By G.A. EmilIn this day and age, there is always a need for wise words. Some are broad and general, like the Golden Rule, while others can be very specific, as in `In Sorting Kelp, Be Quick to Help'. I can think of no better way to describe the wisdom of this gem in dealing with our associates in toil. There is always a lot of kelp to sort, and it must be done expeditiously, to avoid drying and spoilage. It is an acknowledgment of our daily tasks at hand, and in our rush to complete them, a small reminder can serve us best.Twenty-six of these wise-words-to-live-by are found in the new, colored version of Edward Gorey's `The Eclectic Abecedarium', reprinted by Pomegranate. The cover reminds me of the Beatrix Potter books with their little green and white cover designs, and I found `Eclectic Abecedarium' just as

engaging. The illustrations are enlarged just a bit, enough to give us twice the detail. And the colors are just right. It's as if I'd been watching this book on a black white TV, and someone came and flipped on the color switch. I've been collecting Edward Gorey books for three decades now, and am usually tepid towards Gorey reprints, but this one managed to catch my eye. In the end I was truly happy to add this one to the collection. For Gorey collectors still unsure about parting with the harder-to-come-by cash, it contains a drawing that doesn't appear in previous versions. For those who are still discovering Gorey, 'Eclectic Abecedarium' goes right to the heart of his way with words. Paired with Category: Fifty Drawings by Edward Gorey and a course in wordless wit, together they prove to be a most satisfying diversion. - G.E.3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. A Miniature Delight By Edward Bradford  
This reissue of The Eclectic Abecedarium makes available again a small Edward Gorey alphabet treasure that is sure to delight both young and old. The perfect holiday stocking stuffer.

Edward Gorey's first miniature book, The Eclectic Abecedarium is an illustrated adventure through the English alphabet, accompanied by rhyming couplets penned by Gorey, who described his creations as "literary nonsense." Inspired by popular moral primers for children, Gorey created an updated version of Isaac Watt's alphabetic adhorisms. Part sweet songs of unseen birds and part cautionary tales, this abecedarium fully lives up to the epithet "eclectic."

From the Publisher Never before available in color or in a size fit for larger-than-thimble beings, The Eclectic Abecedarium conveys life's more crucial lessons in twenty-six painless steps. About the Author In addition to writing and illustrating more than one hundred works, the renowned artist Edward Gorey (1925-2000) was also a playwright, an award-winning set and costume designer, and the creator of the animated introduction to the PBS series Mystery!